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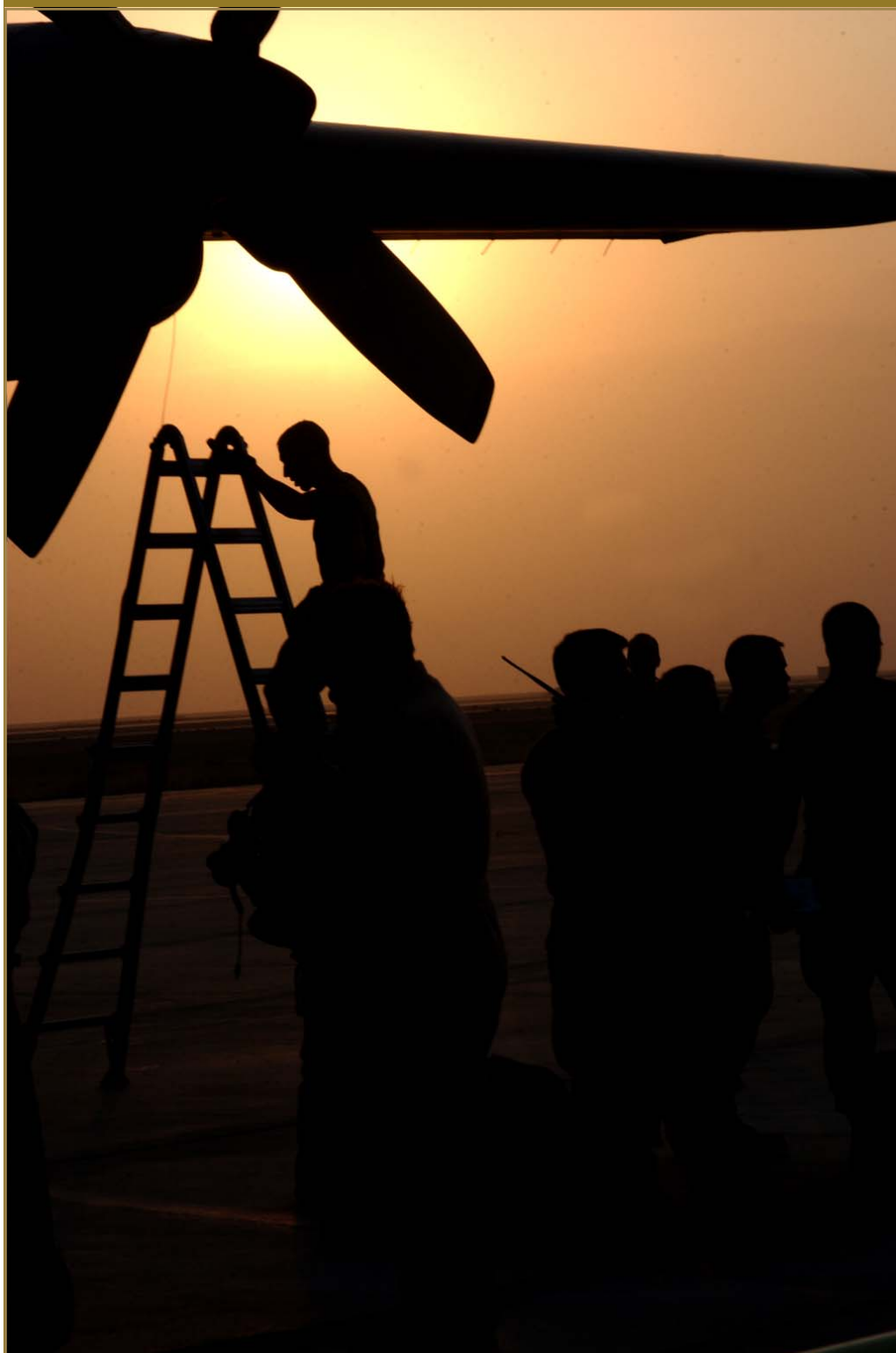
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Out and about: EAS maintenance

Col. Don Palandech,
407th Air Expeditionary Group commander, visits Team Ali.

My out and about this week was with the two maintenance flights of the only Air Force flying squadron permanently based in Iraq, the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron. Like other flights in the 407th Air Expeditionary Group, maintenance is bare bones manned but goes above and beyond every day, completing their primary missions and more.

Maintenance is all encompassing and includes a wide range of responsibilities.

I found Airmen who work on the Hercules, those that take care of the armaments, those who take care of the flight line equipment; and still I didn't see all of the maintenance operations. I plan to see the transient alert section in a future visit.

Those who work on the Hercules are doing everything it takes to keep the aircraft flying safely. These professionals do it all: fine tuning cockpit instruments, changing engines and patching its skin with sheet metal when the aircraft takes a hit from bullets or birds— both of which are found here in Iraq. The maintainers are joined by people who take care of the tools, equipment, and parts necessary to perform the fixes:

another exceptional group of people. And backing all this effort—keeping track of what job is open, what job is completed, and making sure all know what is happening on the line—is the Maintenance Operations Center. The MOC is staffed by a collection of super sharp performers, some of who are also the aircraft systems maintenance expert in their AFSC.

The munitions section, ammo, is small in numbers, but big in reach and impact in the 407th Air Expeditionary Group. They primarily maintain the defensive armaments that protect the crew and passengers of the C-130 in flight. These armaments include the bright flares that you may see released from the C-130 on either take-off or landing approach from time to time. Our team of weapons experts also answer the call when other USAF aircraft come to base. Additionally, ammo lends a helping hand to the



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

Making his rounds of the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (maintenance), Col. Don Palandech talks with (left) Tech. Sgt. Jeff Knudsen, aircraft fuel systems repair craftsman, deployed from the 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Senior Master Sgt. Bill McWhirt, 777th EAS maintenance superintendent, also deployed from the 86th.

407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight and the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Weapons Safety Office.

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Maintenance

Front Page photo

Staff Sgt. Bud Sommerville, 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (maintenance), climbs a step ladder to install an inlet plug in a C-130 engine cowl.

Photo by
Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean



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777th aircraft maintenance supply NCOIC and resource advisor Master Sgt. Roxanne Porter, deployed from the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, greets the commander.



Heading to the flight line Col. Palandech meets (left) Airmen 1st Class Andy Tishim, aerospace maintenance journeyman deployed from the 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Dan Amic, guidance and control journeyman, also deployed from the 86th.



(Left to right) Staff Sgt. Joel Hoyt, aircraft ground equipment maintenance craftsman, deployed from the 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.; Col. Palandech; Maj. Gene Carter, 777th EAS deputy commander of maintenance, deployed from the 314th; Senior Airman Ernie Solomon, aircraft ground equipment maintenance journeyman, deployed from Anderson Air Base, Guam.



The commander meets Staff Sgt. E.J. Weathersby, aircraft metals technology journeyman, deployed from the 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.



Staff Sgt. Taiwan Evans, communications and navigation systems craftsman, deployed from the 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., shows the commander one of the special tools used in the 777th EAS MOC.

Maintenance From page 2:

The aerospace ground equipment section, AGE for short, is another minimally manned section that makes a major contribution. Like all of the maintenance shops they are present 24/7 and are doing it with only six people. If it pushes or pulls something on the flight line, or lights the flight line—or just about any other place on base—AGE maintains it. This group prides itself on having rows of equipment lined up and ready to go when it's needed.

The something extra that 777th maintenance flights have is their willingness to help out others who fly from Ali Base. That assistance could be for units who regularly fly here such as the Navy P-3s and Nevada Air National Guard C-130H, or it is just as likely to be a helping hand for one of our Coalition partner nations. The maintenance Airmen here have never turned away a transient aircrew whose aircraft developed a problem when it stopped at Ali Base.

Finally, the 777th maintenance flights are playing a big role in helping the 777th

Expeditionary Airlift Squadron advisory support team train the Iraqi maintainers of the Iraqi Air Force Squadron 23 (Transport).

The day I visited the 777th maintenance flights included a real bonus: a group of replacement maintainers arrived to start their deployment. It was great to be on hand to welcome them. Also, an aircrew assigned to the Iraqi Air Force Squadron 23 (Transport) returned from Baghdad where they flew missions in support of the constitutional referendum. I was able congratulate them on the historic occasion of the Iraq Air Force's own airlift squadron flying operational missions of great importance for their nation.

Every 777th maintenance shop and work area is staffed with Airmen who told me about things they are doing to make the operations and the base better for the next rotation. Some of the plans are even longer range, with industrious Airmen meeting the challenges of today's mission while at the same time putting in programs to support Ali Base well into the future.

Lessons from America's pastime showed me what's going on here

By Maj. Jody D. Cox

407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron commander

My first experience with organized sports, at 11 years old, brought me in close contact with coach Leroy Chandler.

Being a Marine Corps brat, my youth was thoroughly dipped in the military experience—both on base and off. Coach Chandler, like most youth sports coaches in my small, southern hometown was an active duty Marine. Coach was a crusty, Vietnam experienced, veteran gunnery sergeant and was vastly experienced in the art of getting your attention. To this day, I can still hear his tightly clipped, parade ground cadence

prompting me—often loudly—to hustle after the ball: “Hustle, Cox, HUSTLE! That’s it, throw the ball, Throw the Ball, THROW THE BALL...All right! The energy he imbued his voice with seemed to charge right through the air and strike hapless little leaguers like a bolt from the blue.

Coach Chandler watched our every bobbled grounder, missed swing, overthrow to first base and dropped fly ball. He had a knack for pointing out our screw ups and while he never chided us needlessly for our lack of athleticism, nothing would cause him to blow up quicker than a lame attempt at individual showmanship—

especially if it came at the cost of the team.

Rules of the game

I remember my lesson in teamwork very well. It was the last inning of the game. Our homerun king, Paul “the Hammer”

Hamner, was up to the plate during one of our last preseason practices. A good friend of mine off the field, Paul was one of those southern boys

who was just plain big for his age. I swear he was twice my scrawny 75 pounds and could knock the ball a country mile.

Unfortunately, Paul knew no middle ground: he either went for the fence or struck out.

I was our starting outfielder, and on this hot,

late summer day, knew Paul was up to the challenge as soon as he stepped into the box.

I trotted back to the furthest reaches of center field in anticipation of the swat I knew was coming. On coach’s first lollipop pitch it came.

“SWACK!” The ball made a quick, but graceful arc. Still climbing as it passed second base, it proceeded straight over my head at about 10 feet off the

“I trotted back to the furthest reaches of center field in anticipation of the swat I knew was coming.”



Maj. Jody D. Cox.

Photo by Master Sgt. Timothy A. Haase

ground and landed with a fast bounce. I’d already turned to scoop the ball on the run, but Paul had managed to catch the right English on the hit. Instead of slowing, the ball leveled out and seemed to gather speed. It took off on a high speed roll actually increasing the distance between me and it the faster I ran.

The ball went off the field past the sycamore and hickory trees lining the outfield and into a deep, rain-eroded, red clay and sand gully still moving. It finally ramped up the far side of the ditch and looped back on itself, coming to a stop in the dirt. I was through the trees and in the gully in a flash. The elusive ball was in my right hand within seconds.

Self-assured

As big and powerful as Paul was, he was also slow, and I knew I still had a shot at throwing him out.

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Coach

Coach From page 4:

“Relay, relay, RELAY!” Our second string shortstop yelled at me from just outside the tree line. I instantly decided that while the kid was talented, he was also incredibly bossy for a small guy. There was no way I was going to waste time throwing the ball to him. Besides, he didn’t have the arm for a throw like that—and if he did, he’d get all the credit for the save instead of me.

While I was probably right that he didn’t have the arm for the throw, I’d forgotten one crucial fact—neither did I. Long story short, Paul brought in the winning run with that hit and I was the goat.

This is gonna hurt

After congratulating Paul and the winning team on their victory, the players began to leave the field and coach called me aside for a man-to-man. I expected the worst, and bracing myself for an ear shattering tirade that would’ve made a grown civilian blush, I stood before this giant of a man slightly wincing. Instead, with all the seriousness a man could muster he asked, “You know where you went wrong, don’t you?” With a lump in my throat, I whispered an answer: “Yes, coach, I forgot about the short stop.” “No, son,” he countered. “You didn’t forget about the short stop. You forgot about the team, didn’t you?” Coach had me dead to rights. Because I’d worried about how I’d look, I’d forgotten all about what was best for the team.

Coach Chandler taught that lesson to us over and over. Through different scenarios and events, each of us earned our opportunity to be coached, mentored and grow. That season

“And while I’ve been skeptical of our Air Force’s approach to deployment teaming in years past, my experience at Ali Base has turned me into a believer.”

my little league team lost its first game and then went on to win the next 14. By the end of that season we weren’t just winning games, we were trouncing the competition. Coach had taught us to forget about ourselves as a collection of individuals and to think of ourselves as a team.

A silver lining

Teamwork! Perhaps the most important component of accomplishing our mission—regardless of what it might be—is teamwork. All of our military services depend on this concept. It’s key to the success of our warfighting ability.

That said, our Air Force is uniquely challenged when it comes to team building. While our sister services—Army, Navy, Marine Corps—usually train together, deploy together and fight as one ready-made force, the Air Force typically brings small groups and individuals together at the instant needed to meet and complete a mission. In our case, we’ve come from all points around the world to form our warfighting teams. Most of us are meeting each other for the first time here at Ali Base.

Can you imagine another top-of-the-line, professional organization from anywhere else in the world that’s able to do what we’ve done? Our performance is akin to the formation of a new NFL football team from components of all the other teams in the country and then fielding this team in the Super Bowl. I can’t think of a

single collection of players who could pull this off. Yet in our league, we pull off a victory every four months in more than a dozen spots around the world. And while I’ve been skeptical of our Air Force’s approach to deployment teaming in years past, my experience at Ali Base has turned me into a believer.

Beyond expectations

I’m also a convert to the wisdom of our force mixing approach, the mixing of active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel. My squadron, the 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, is made up of roughly 60 percent active duty, 30 percent ANG and 10 percent reservists. We’ve come from 15 locations around the world. Yet the pace at which we’ve jelled, and our level of performance—on the job and off—has been phenomenal.

Better still, I’ve seen the same positive spirit that’s infected my squadron manifested all around the base. I’ve been privileged to spend time with our CE and EOD folks, go out on patrol with our SFS, meet with our communications and wing staff folks, and visit with our services and flying squadron personnel. I’ve always been met with a friendly, can-do attitude. I’ve always come away with a positive experience.

For these lessons, I thank you, Ali Base. Looks like coach Chandler was right! Teamwork makes the difference.



"Help, there's a fire," CLICK!
 Which two tents in Bedrock look alike?
 If my tent burns down I have another.
 I got out. Thank heaven. Oh, the others?
 If I point the extinguisher up, the foam will fall!
 If I stay downwind I'll stay warm.
 Firefighters know where every fire will start.
 Firefighters don't need my help!
 The fire department has the best maps in the world.
 "No it's not a fire, but it is an emergency." CLICK
 I have time to get my teddy bear out.
 I have it contained, don't tell the chief!
 It'll never happen to me!

Think about it Dummy!
 There's a 1,000 other people here.

Information provided by Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Barnes and Staff Sgt. Aaron Bunyea, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron fire department (445-2259).



Sharks in the sky help warriors on the ground

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

The skies above and around Balad Air Base, Iraq, were thick with dust and sand as four F-16 pilots completed another mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and headed to their deployed home with the 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Oct. 17. The sortie had started early in the morning, but it was well past lunch as they traveled around their holding pattern again.

The four Fighting Falcons completed a mid-air refueling and waited for the sandstorm to pass. Forecasters eventually decided the storm wouldn't break until much later in the evening, so the planes were directed south to Ali Base.

It was just another one of those days that proves there's no such thing as routine when you're an F-16 pilot supporting ground forces in Iraq, said Maj. Darren Censullo, an Air Force Reservist deployed from the 482d Fighter Wing, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., home of the Makos. It was just another long day in a small cockpit.

But the need to adapt and be flexible, to expect the unexpected, has new meaning to the F-16 pilots after being at Balad Air Base for several weeks now: they may very well have met the people who's lives they are saving each day.

Lt. Col. Jose Monteagudo, commander of the combat air mission, also a deployed Mako, will take home more than his training was able to offer. "I eat dinner with some of these guys.

We have Army guys all over [Balad Air Base] so I get to know some of them and talk to them about their



(Above) The pilots of Four F-16s diverted to Ali Base Oct. 17 were welcomed as their jets were taken care of by Airmen including Staff Sgt. Jason Brathwaite, deployed from the 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. (Below) Maj. Darren Censullo, 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Balad Air Base, Iraq, pre-flight's Oct. 18.



"I just want to thank the folks here [at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group] for everything. From people like Lt. Col. [Charles] Spencer and Staff Sgt. [Jason] Brathwaite, the hospitality was amazing."

—Lt. Col. Jose Monteagudo, 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq

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Makos

Away from home you can still help others cope, rebound, survive

By 1st Lt. Adam Pudenz

407th Air Expeditionary Group PERSCO team chief

The Combined Federal Campaign-(overseas) 2005 campaign season has started.

The program supports federal employees who want to make payroll allotments to a nonprofit organization through the CFC. There are more than 1,700 participating charities to choose from.

The CFC is the largest and most successful workplace fund-raising model in the world because of its low administrative costs, convenience, and vast group of participating agencies.

Additions to the list of participating charities this year include opportunities to support victims of hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters.

Last year CENTCOM raised almost \$3.5 million.

This year's goal is to contact 100 percent of eligible contributors so they have an informed opportunity to give.

CFC-O is also holding a drawing for prizes of all participants. This year's giveaway prizes include a 2006 Ford Fusion, two airline tickets, and a \$1,000 savings bond.

Volunteers from each squadron are available to help Airmen access the 2005 Contributor Brochure and fill out a pledge card.

More information can be found on the Ali Base Intranet at <http://intranet/PERSCO2/CFC-O.htm>.

Note: airline tickets can not be redeemed before the winner completes their deployment!

Makos From page 7:



Lt. Col. Jose Monteagudo (right) stands by as the first two F-16s of the 4-plane sortie diverted to Ali Base Oct. 17 because of bad weather at Balad Air Base, Iraq, are prepared for launch Oct. 18. The Air Force Reserve F-16 is assigned to the 482d Fighter Wing, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., and is deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The plane and the colonel are deployed with the 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Balad Air Base, Iraq. The ground crew are Senior Airman Jerry T. Salazar (left), deployed from the 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy, and Master Sgt. Jerry W. Sawyer, deployed from the 48th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, UK, both are assigned to the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron for this deployment. The pilot is Capt. Frank Bricel, 332 EFS, Balad Air Base, Iraq, deployed from the 302nd Fighter Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

jobs," he said. "There's no simulator that can teach you the feeling you get when you hear the guy on the ground yell into the radio 'We need help NOW! Take care of it.'"

Colonel Monteagudo said helping the ground forces is the most gratifying part of what's been an exciting deployment. "Every day something's happening, every day we're up here providing cover for [ground forces]. I really respect the job they're doing down there and am glad we can help anyway we can."

Seeing ground combat from his vantage point in the air is an experience the colonel said he'll never forget. Air Force F-16s have spent a lot of time supporting ground operations, including watching areas where insurgents have attempted to ambush Coalition forces.

By sun up Tuesday, remnants of the sandstorm were now at Ali Base. But it was safe enough to fly and all the instructions they needed were in hand. The four F-16s took off to help coalition ground forces win a war; the pilots wondered what the unexpected event for the day would be.



COMPSEC: you're the front line

By Senior Airman Melanie Mulvey

407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

It's noon, time to go to lunch. You're in a hurry and are half way to the gate when you realize that you left your computer unlocked. You figure that by the time you got back to your desk somebody else would've taken care of it. If not, the 15-minute password protected screen saver would kick in soon.

However, when you get back to work to check your e-mail, you find that your coworker sent an e-mail (originating from you) to everybody in the squadron announcing that you left your computer unlocked and owe him a bag of nuts. Lucky for you, it was only your coworker that got on your computer.

For those that don't have the need (or clearance) to know, you left open the gateway to myriad sources of information.

This is an example of information security, which is defined as safeguarding and protecting information or data, in whatever form. It's a common

misconception that information security is synonymous with computer security and that it only applies to computer systems or particular media; however, it includes the infrastructure that facilitates the use of information.

The U.S. National Information Systems Security Glossary defines Information Systems Security: *The protection of information systems against unauthorized access to or modification of information, whether in storage, processing or transit, and against the denial of service to authorized users or the provision of service to unauthorized users, including those measures necessary to detect, document, and counter such threats.*

Information assurance and information security are essential in daily operations. Computer systems must have security measures—both technical and operational—that work as intended to protect the system and

the information it processes. Information assurance allows the user to be confident that the four security objectives (integrity, availability, confidentiality and accountability) have been adequately met by a specific implementation.

Information security is about risk management.

The level of information security sought in a particular situation should be weighed against the value of the information and the consequences of its loss. In its simplest terms, only give the right information to the right people at the right time. Here's the IA Tip of the Week...

Lock your computer!

No matter where you go or how long you'll be gone, remember to lock your computer. There are two ways to lock a computer: press Ctrl+Alt+Delete or the Windows key+L.

If you'll be gone for longer than an hour consider logging off if it's a shared computer.

New books at the Comfort Zone Library

I May Be Wrong But I Doubt it	Charles Barkely	More Charles Barkely and his thoughts
Walking the Bible	Bruce Feiler	A journey by land through the five books of Moses
Memoirs of a Dutiful Daughter	Simone De Beauvoir	Autobiography of growing up in a French bourgeoisie family
The Cancer Handbook	Darrell E. Ward	A Guide to cancer for the non-specialist
Zen and the Art of		
Motorcycle Maintenance	Robert M. Pirsig	An inquiry into Values
The Bell Jar	Sylvia Plath	A haunting American classic
The Native Son	Richard Wright	Living in a multiracial society in which power splits among racial lines
Love and Medicine	Louise Erdrich	A masterfully written novel of Native American life
I'm Already Home	Elaine Gray Dumker	Keeping your family close when you're TDY
The Falls	Joyce Carol Oates	Haunting exploration of the American Family in crisis

Identify This



Do you know what this is?

If you can identify the object, e-mail the paper at Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject block by 3 p.m. Thursday Oct. 27.

All correct entries will be placed in a box and three winners will be randomly selected at Combat Bingo (at the Big Top) at 7:30 p.m., Friday Oct. 28.

Participants do not have to attend bingo to win.

Winners will receive a complimentary T-shirt or coin from the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron. The winners selected from those who correctly identified the head of a fire extinguisher in the Oct. 7 Ali Times are: Master Sgt. **William Hartzler**, MXS; Staff Sgt. **Eric McCoy** (EAS); Senior Airman **Dora Sherrill** (EAS).

Civil engineer Airmen from the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., make up almost 50 percent of the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, here for Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation 7/8. The 60th's first sergeant, Chief Master Sgt. Jay Groff, was unable to make the 7/8 deployment because he retired Oct. 18 with more than 30 years of service to the Air Force.

The 407th ECES gathered Oct. 14th to send Chief Groff a long distance salute and their wishes for a long and well deserved retirement.



Photo by
Master Sgt. Terry Swartz

From the CPIC

Briefs off the wire from the Combined Press Information Center

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Task Force Baghdad Soldiers found and destroyed terrorists' bombs and weapons caches during combat operations Oct. 19 in and around various Baghdad districts.

The U.S. Soldiers found at least eight improvised explosive devices before they could be detonated by terrorists.

BAGHDAD, Iraq – A senior Abu Musab al-Zarqawi lieutenant and Al Qaeda in Iraq military leader was killed during a series of Coalition raids in western Iraq Oct. 15. Coalition forces conducted the raids on suspected terrorists operating near the town of Ramadi. The terrorists were suspected of having senior Al Qaeda in Iraq connections.

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Iraqi and Coalition Forces conducted 42 raids and searches in and around Baghdad that netted 19 terror suspects and two weapons caches Oct. 16 through Oct. 18.

In the three days following Iraq's historic constitutional referendum vote, Iraqi and U.S. forces combined to conduct more than 1,600 patrols and man more than 700 traffic control points. Iraqi security forces performed more than 1,000 of the nearly 2,400 missions by themselves.

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Special operations personnel from both the U.S. Navy and Army finished several weeks of training for the Iraqi Army's newest soldiers just outside Camp Fallujah Oct. 6.

The new Soldiers learned individual and squad movements, reaction to enemy fire and other necessary skills they will use as they join their units.

TIKRIT, Iraq – Task Force Liberty Soldiers followed a civilian tip to a cache of 85 anti-tank mines near Hamrin in Diyala Province at about 4:15 p.m. Oct. 18.

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Iraqi Army and Coalition Forces captured 15 suspected terrorists in a series of pre-dawn combat operations conducted in and around Baghdad Oct. 18.

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND, AR RAMADI, Iraq – Marines destroyed a terrorist cave complex used as a weapons cache and bomb-making factory early Oct. 17 near Haqlaniyah.

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND, AR RAMADI, Iraq – Coalition forces continued counter-terrorism operations in areas of Al Anbar Province Oct. 16, killing an estimated 70 terrorists in separate actions.

AL ANBAR PROVINCE, Iraq – Texas Army National Guard Soldiers and Marines from 2nd Force Service Support Group (Forward) discovered weapons caches near a primary school slated as a polling site here on Oct. 14. The Soldiers and Marines responded after being alerted by Iraqi citizens.



She's my Ma Bell too

Rumor

I know the communications squadron is putting DSN phones in the tents now. Who decides which person gets the phone in their area and how we take turns?

Fact

Yes, phones are being installed in all the tents throughout Bedrock. However they are "Class C" lines that will only be able make calls on Ali Base. The phones will be installed in a common area in the tents and will be used for post attack reporting and work center notifications only.

This rumor was addressed by 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron NCOIC of base infrastructure Tech. Sgt. Carl Beaty.

Heard a rumor?

Don't speculate. Get the facts by e-mailing the Ali.Times@tlab.centaf.af.mil or call Chief Master Sgt. Cindy Davis, 407th Air Expeditionary Group superintendent at 445-2027.

407th AEG Warrior of the Week



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

Senior Airman Apuleyo Orias

Unit:

407th Air Expeditionary Services Squadron

Duty title:

Sports director

Home station:

7th Services Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas

Why other warriors say he's a warrior:

"A dynamic sports director who takes pride in his job, Senior Airman Orias plans and coordinates sports events with the Army and Air Force sports representatives. He performs preventative maintenance of all of our fitness equipment and volunteered off duty time to escort VIPs during a tour of the Ziggurat of Ur."

—Tech. Sgt. L.J. Kincade, Muscle Beach fitness director

Most memorable Air Force experience:

"When I set foot on the ground in Iraq. Previous deployments had given me the most memorable experiences; however, being deployed to Iraq supersedes them all."

Hobbies:

"Just to name a few: reading, playing my guitar and soccer. I also love to drive around in my 4 x 4."

Worth considering

- ◆ Why isn't eleven called onety-one?
- ◆ How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
- ◆ Is there another word for synonym?
- ◆ If a tree falls on a mime, does it make a sound?
- ◆ If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2?
- ◆ If a librarian retrains as a barber, does that person become a barbarian?
- ◆ Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
- ◆ If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
- ◆ If a man says something in the woods and there are no women there, is he still wrong?

His focus is on

Holiday video greetings are a big morale booster. So when the DoD team touring the AOR to capture the clips couldn't make it to Ali Base, Iraq, members of the 407th Air Expeditionary Group assembled a group of volunteers to assist 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron video production and documentation journeyman Senior Airman Bryan Magee, deployed from the 30th Space Communication Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., take care of the project.

holiday Greetings

Members of the 407th AEG Focus 5-6 Enlisted Council assisted Airman Magee capture 170 clips in less than three days of shooting. Video greetings were captured from Air Force, Army and Navy servicemembers stationed at Ali Base.

(Bottom) Airman Magee is in the midst of taping Navy A03 Rachelle Applegate, aviation ordnanceman deployed from Jacksonville, Fla. (Below) Airman Magee tapes Soldiers from the Army's 2-44 Air Defense Artillery Battalion, Fort Campbell, Ky.

(Upper right) Airman Magee is checking to see if person about to be taped is framed properly and that the sound is good before shooting.



(Above) Airman Magee gets the lavalier microphone clipped in the right place for Airman Stephano Picchietti, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

(Below) Airman Magee focuses on a slate, the breaking point that Army and Air Force Hometown News video editors will use to break clips apart.



As Ramadan comes to an end the Night of Power arrives

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Vu

407th Air Expeditionary Group Chaplain

Muslims observe *Leyla al-Qadr*, the “Night of Power,” some time during the last 10 days of Ramadan. It marks the night the prophet Muhammad (PBUH: Peace be upon him) received the first revelations from Allah (SWT: Suhanahu Wa Ta’ala, meaning “Pure is He and High” in Arabic as sign of respect whenever God’s name or title is mentioned), more than 1,400 years ago.

The Prophet had his destiny fulfilled on this night, which earned him the prophet hood. Muslims, therefore, also call this the “Night of Destiny.”

This passage is taken from the Surah, chapter 97: Al-Qadr (The Night of Power):

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

We have indeed revealed this message in the Night of Power.

And what will explain what the Night of Power is?

The Night of Power is better than a thousand months.

Therein come down the angels and the spirit,

by Allah’s permission, on every errand. Peace! Until the rising of the morn!

The Night of Power was the beginning of the revelation of the Quran to the Prophet and continued for the following 23 years. Muhammad said, “Seek the night in the last ten days, and if any of you is weak, or can’t observe it, he should not miss the remaining seven days...Seek it on the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramadan.”

Identifying the correct night to recognize the Night of Power is full of mystery. Many scholars believe the Prophet experienced the first revelations on the 27th day of Ramadan.

The word “power,” *Al-Qadr*, implies the power of the Creator. Allah (SWT) proclaims to the angels His commands and orders to all things,

which include all events in the coming year to the world.

Most Muslims use this time to rejuvenate themselves, to start a new year with a fresh outlook. They want to begin a pure life and to cleanse themselves from any anguish

or torment. The Night of Power is the best way for them to achieve these blessings.

In a religious sense, the messenger of Allah (SAAS: Salla Allahu ‘Alaihi Wa Sallam, “may the blessing and peace of Allah be upon him”) said he who spends the night in prayer on the Night of Power, as a sign of his faith, and seeking reward from Allah, his previous sins will be forgiven.”

The last ten days of Ramadan of this year will start Oct. 24. Religious sentiment will be most intense for the Muslims during the 10 days following.

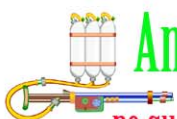
Most Muslims abhor violence during Ramadan, especially during the time of the Night of Power. They want to receive mercy and blessings because the angels will be going around bringing peace and guidance to the faithful. Devout Muslims wait all year for this night, they want to pray for it, live it and enjoy it.

Let us join the good citizens of Iraq in a spirit of prayer for the new era of peace and prosperity soon to be restored in this country.

Let us show them respect and support during this sacred time; and may Allah (SWT) give them wisdom, courage and strength to do everything they can to make peace a reality in Iraq.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Vu



Ammunition Amnesty Day

no questions asked!

Thursday Oct. 27

Anybody, any ammo, any weapon, any contraband

10 a.m - 2 p.m., PX parking lot



Serenity in the sand

faith-based services schedule

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group **Oasis of Peace** chapel, unless otherwise noted. The Oasis is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection. For details on worship opportunities, or directions to worship locations, please call 445-2006.

FRIDAY

1 p.m., Muslim prayer/
service: (temporarily unav.)
6 p.m., Weekday Mass:
Oasis
6:30 p.m., Jewish Service:
Army Religious Activities
Center (ARAC)
7 p.m., Bible Study: ARAC
7:30 p.m., Gospel choir
rehearsal: Army Post
Chapel (APC)
8 p.m., Alcoholics
Anonymous: ARAC annex

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m., Catholic
Confession: Oasis Office
6 p.m., Catholic Vigil Mass:
Oasis
7 p.m., Kick the Camel (quit
smoking) club: ARAC

SUNDAY

7:30 a.m., Catholic
Confession: Oasis Office;
Traditional Protestant
Service: APC
8 a.m., Roman Catholic
Mass: Oasis; Church of
Christ Service: ARAC
8:30 a.m., Contemporary
Protestant Service:
Sapper Chapel; Sunday
School: APC
9:30 a.m., Traditional
Protestant Service: Oasis
10 a.m., Contemporary
Protestant Service: APC; ,
Latter Day Saints Service:
ARAC
10:30 a.m., Roman
Catholic Mass: Camp
Cedar
1 p.m., Gospel Service:
APC
7 p.m., Contemporary
Worship Service: Oasis

SUNDAY (CONTINUED)

7:30 p.m., Contemporary
Christian Service: Sapper
Chapel
8 p.m., Alcoholics
Anonymous: ARAC

MONDAY

6 p.m., Weekday Mass:
Oasis
7 p.m., Protestant Bible
Study: Sapper Chapel
7:30 p.m., Discipleship
Bible study/fellowship:
Oasis

TUESDAY

Noon, Alcoholics
Anonymas: ARAC Annex
6 p.m., Weekday Mass:
Oasis
7:30 p.m., Catholic Study:
Oasis Annex; Combat
Bible Study: ARAC

WEDNESDAY

6 p.m., Weekday Mass:
Oasis
7 p.m., Spanish Bible
Study: ARAC; Midweek
Service Discussion: APC
7:30 p.m., Protestant
Evening Service: APC;
Mens Bible Study: APC
7:45 p.m., Alpha Course
Bible Study: Oasis Annex

THURSDAY

6 p.m., Weekday Mass:
Oasis
6:30 p.m., Ladies Bible
Study: ARAC
7 p.m., Latter Day Saints
Study: ARAC
7:30 p.m., Workmans'
Fellowship: RAC; A Man
and His World Bible
Study: Oasis

Cricket Movie Theater

at the

HOT SPOT

This week at the Cricket

Today's times and movie descriptions for the week

Lords of Dogtown (2005), 1 a.m., 1 p.m., John Robinson, Emile Hirsch, action/drama

Sahara (2005), 3 a.m., 3 p.m., Jude Akuwidi, Mark Aspinall, action/adventure

Rebound (2005), 5 a.m., 5 p.m. Martin Lawrence, Wendy Raquel Robinson, comedy/family

Dark water (2005), 7 a.m., 7 p.m., Jennifer Connelly, John C. Reilly, drama/horror

House of Wax (2005), 9 a.m., 9 p.m., Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray, horror

Anchorman (2004), 11 a.m., Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate, comedy

Batman Begins (2005), 11 p.m., Christian Bale, Kevin Blackton, action/adventure

Saturday

Sahara 1 a.m.
Rebound 3 a.m.
Dark Water 5 a.m.
House of Wax 7 a.m.
Anchorman 9 a.m.
Lords of Dogtown 11 a.m.
Sahara 1 p.m.
Rebound 3 p.m.
Dark Water 5 p.m.
House of Wax 7 p.m.
Batman Begins 9 p.m.
Lords of Dogtown 11 p.m.

Sunday

Rebound 1 a.m.
Dark Water 3 a.m.
House of Wax 5 a.m.
Anchorman 7 a.m.
Lords of Dogtown 9 a.m.
Sahara 11 a.m.
Rebound 1 p.m.
Dark Water 3 p.m.
House of Wax 5 p.m.
Batman Begins 7 p.m.
Lords of Dogtown 9 p.m.
Sahara 11 p.m.

Monday

Dark Water 1 a.m.
House of Wax 3 a.m.
Anchorman 5 a.m.
Lords of Dogtown 7 a.m.
Sahara 9 a.m.
Rebound 11 a.m.
Dark Water 1 p.m.
House of Wax 3 p.m.
Batman Begins 5 p.m.
Lords of Dogtown 7 p.m.
Sahara 9 p.m.
Rebound 11 p.m.

Tuesday

House of Wax 1 a.m.
Anchorman 3 a.m.
Lords of Dogtown 5 a.m.
Sahara 7 a.m.
Rebound 9 a.m.
Dark Water 11 a.m.
House of Wax 1 p.m.
Batman Begins 3 p.m.
Lords of Dogtown 5 p.m.
Sahara 7 p.m.
Rebound 9 p.m.
Dark Water 11 p.m.

Wednesday

Anchorman 1 a.m.
Lords of Dogtown 3 a.m.
Sahara 5 a.m.
Rebound 7 a.m.
Dark Water 9 a.m.
House of Wax 11 a.m.
Batman Begins 1 p.m.
Lords of Dogtown 3 p.m.
Sahara 5 p.m.
Rebound 7 p.m.
Dark Water 9 p.m.
House of Wax 11 p.m.

Thursday

Lords of Dogtown 1 a.m.
Sahara 3 a.m.
Rebound 5 a.m.
Dark Water 7 a.m.
House of Wax 9 a.m.
Batman Begins 11 a.m.
Lords of Dogtown 1 p.m.
Sahara 3 p.m.
Rebound 5 p.m.
Dark Water 7 p.m.
House of Wax 9 p.m.
Anchorman 11 p.m.

Movie times are subject to change.

Bedrock and beyond...

activities to keep you fit, happy and hungry for more

Today

8 a.m., **Women's Weight Lifting**: Muscle Beach (I)
 8 a.m., **Bench press competition**: Muscle Beach (I)
 4:30 p.m., **Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band**: HOP
 5 p.m., **Tang Soo Do**: Muscle Beach (I)
 6 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do**: HOP
 6:30 p.m., **Spin**: Muscle Beach (I)
 7 p.m., **9-Ball and Video Game TNYs**: ARC
 7:30 p.m., **Bingo and "Batman Begins"**: Big Top
 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics**: HOP

Saturday

5:30 a.m., **Pilates**: HOP
 8 a.m., **Women's Weight Lifting**: Muscle Beach (I)
 2:30 p.m., **Pilates**: Muscle Beach (DVD)
 4:30 p.m., **Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band**: HOP
 6 p.m., **Volleyball TNY**: Bedrock courts
 6:30 p.m., **Advanced Step**: HOP
 7 p.m., **5 Card Stud TNY**: Big Top
 7 p.m., **Country/Metal night**: Big Top
 7 p.m., **Dominoes and Dart TNYs**: ARC
 7 p.m., **Karaoke**: Sprung Center
 7 p.m., **"Cinderella Man"**: Adder Common
 8 p.m., **Salsa Lessons**: HOP
 8:30 p.m., **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)

Sunday

8 a.m., **Women's Weight Lifting**: Muscle Beach (I)
 noon, **Tae Kwon Do**: Muscle Beach (I)
 2 p.m., **"Gothica"**: Big Top
 2:30 p.m., **Yoga**: Muscle Beach (DVD)
 3 p.m., **Spin**: HOP
 4 p.m., **"Sixth Sense"**: Big Top
 6:30 p.m., **Cardio Mix**: HOP
 7 p.m., **Karaoke**: Big Top
 7 p.m., **Spades TNYs**: ARC
 7 p.m., **"Separate Lies"**: Adder Common

It's your base, so...

Call the 407th Services Squadron with ideas for activities: 445-2696; For information about the House of Pain, Army fitness center: 833-1709; For information about Army morale, welfare and recreation activities: 833-1745.

Saturday Oct. 29—Halloween Casino Night at the Big Top: costume contest, games and prizes

Monday

8 a.m., **Women's Weight Lifting**: Muscle Beach (I)
 4:30 p.m., **Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band**: HOP
 5 p.m., **Tang Soo Do**: Muscle Beach (I)
 5 p.m., **Bench Press Competition**: Muscle Beach
 6 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do**: HOP
 6:30 p.m., **Spin**: Muscle Beach (I)
 7 p.m., **Chess Club**: ARC
 8 p.m., **Checkers**: Hot Spot
 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics**: HOP

Tuesday

5:30 a.m., **Pilates**: HOP
 6 a.m., **Pump it Up**: Muscle Beach (I)
 2:30 p.m., **Yoga**: Muscle Beach (DVD)
 4:30 p.m., **Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band**: HOP
 6:30 p.m., **Advanced Step**: HOP
 7 p.m., **Ping Pong TNY**: ARC
 8 p.m., **9-Ball**: Hot Spot
 8 p.m., **Spin**: HOP
 8:30 p.m., **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)

Wednesday

5:30 a.m., **Aerobics**: Muscle Beach (DVD)
 2:30 p.m., **Pilates**: Muscle Beach (DVD)
 4:30 p.m., **Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band**: HOP
 6 p.m., **Tae Kwon Do**: HOP
 6 p.m., **2 on 2 Co-ed Basketball TNY**: Bedrock Courts
 6:30 p.m., **Spin**: Muscle Beach (I)
 8 p.m., **Madden '05**: Hot Spot
 8 p.m., **Step Aerobics**: HOP

Thursday

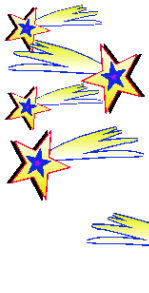
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 6 a.m., **Pump it Up**: Muscle Beach (I)
 9:30 a.m., **Tae Kwon Do**: Muscle Beach (I)
 4:30 p.m., **Slim in 6, Resist-a-Band**: HOP
 6:30 p.m., **Cardio mix**: HOP
 7 p.m., **Scrabble TNY**: ARC
 8 p.m., **Spades**: Hot Spot
 8 p.m., **Spin**: HOP
 8:30 p.m., **Absolute Abs**: Muscle Beach (I)

(I)—Instructor

TNY—Tournament

HOP—House of Pain, Army Fitness Center

ARC—Army Recreation Center



Air Force Services Presents

SHOOT FOR THE STARS!



October weekly Karaoke winners
can compete to win a chance to
sing with special musical guests
in November 445-2306 for details

Final
Preliminary
Round Oct. 23

Finals: Oct. 30

